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QUANTITY OF PADDY PURCHASED IN EXCESS—REFUND OF COST

221. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have the Government got ready the facts and figures wanted according to sections (*g*) and (*j*) of question No. 110 put by me during the Budget Session of 1118; if not, will the Government kindly explain the delay;

(*b*) will the Government kindly make early arrangements to refund the amounts to parties from whom Government have wrongly but unwittingly taken excess of paddy due to incorrect measurement?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The exact quantity of paddy purchased by Government has not been finally ascertained.

(*b*) Government have ordered the refund of the cost of this excess quantity of paddy realised from the parties.

STOCK OF SUGAR IN THE DEPOTS AT VADAKKANCHERI, KUNNAMKULAM AND TRICHUR

222. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the approximate number of bags of sugar in stock at the depots at Vadakkancheri, Kunnamkulam and Trichur on 1st Kanni 1119;

(*b*) the number of days the sugar supply was withheld for the circulation of the new card system after the supersession of the old ones issued;

(*c*) the approximate loss of sugar due to the wet and damp weather and dampness of the places where they are stocked;

(*d*) whether it is not a fact that large quantities of sugar due to its deliquescent quality have been clotted, dissolved and got absorbed into the bags and wasted?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The opening balance of the day in these depots was 4 bags, 291 bags and 1784 bags respectively.

(*b*) One week (in Trichur Town alone).

(*c*) The shortage reported is 7 cwts. and 46 lbs. from Kunnamkulam and 120 lbs. from Chittur.

(*d*) No. Some loss has been sustained, but not much.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* A slight modification is required to the answer to (*b*) "and a few days delay in the Talappalli Taluk."

RATION CARD ISSUED TO ONE ACHYUTAN NAYAR

223. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether ration card number 075831 issued to one Chemmanore Achyutan Nayar of Puduviruthi Village Desam, Talappally Taluk, originally issued to be disbursed from the shop of Venkateswara Ayyar of Mundathikode was changed to the shop of C. T. Devassy;

(*b*) who has made the alterations in the card;

(*c*) whether any supply of rations has been made without entering same in this card on 8th Kanni 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not known.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Government be pleased to enquire as to who made the alterations in the card?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The matter has been reported to the Police and prosecution is pending. The case is being investigated.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know against whom is the prosecution?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The report was against the retailer and the card-holder.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the cards are to be attested by the Field Officers?